

**House File 379 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to access to and funding of the educational  
2 services offered under a home school assistance program.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 299A.2, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **299A.2 Competent private instruction by licensed**  
4 **practitioner.**

5 If a licensed practitioner provides competent instruction  
6 to a school-age child ~~of compulsory attendance age~~, the  
7 practitioner shall possess a valid license or certificate which  
8 has been issued by the state board of educational examiners  
9 under chapter 272 and which is appropriate to the ages and  
10 grade levels of the children to be taught. Competent private  
11 instruction may include, but is not limited to, a home school  
12 assistance program which provides instruction or instructional  
13 supervision offered through an accredited nonpublic school or  
14 public school district by a teacher, who is employed by the  
15 accredited nonpublic school or public school district, who  
16 assists and supervises a parent, guardian, or legal custodian  
17 in providing instruction to a child. If competent private  
18 instruction is provided through a public school district, the  
19 child shall be enrolled and included in the basic enrollment  
20 of the school district as provided in section 257.6. Sections  
21 299A.3 through 299A.7 do not apply to competent private  
22 instruction provided by a licensed practitioner under this  
23 section. However, the reporting requirement contained in  
24 section 299A.3, subsection 1, shall apply to competent private  
25 instruction provided by licensed practitioners that is not  
26 part of a home school assistance program offered through an  
27 accredited nonpublic school or public school district.

28 Sec. 2. Section 299A.8, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
29 follows:

30 **299A.8 Dual enrollment.**

31 If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a school-age  
32 child who is receiving competent private instruction under  
33 this chapter ~~or a child over compulsory age who is receiving~~  
34 ~~private instruction~~ submits a request, the child shall also be  
35 registered in a public school for dual enrollment purposes.

1 If the child is enrolled in a public school district for  
2 dual enrollment purposes, the child shall be permitted to  
3 participate in any academic activities in the district and  
4 shall also be permitted to participate on the same basis as  
5 public school children in any extracurricular activities  
6 available to children in the child's grade or group, and the  
7 parent, guardian, or legal custodian shall not be required to  
8 pay the costs of any annual evaluation under this chapter. If  
9 the child is enrolled for dual enrollment purposes, the child  
10 shall be included in the public school's basic enrollment  
11 under section 257.6. A pupil who is participating only in  
12 extracurricular activities shall be counted under section  
13 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (6). A pupil  
14 enrolled in grades nine through twelve under this section shall  
15 be counted in the same manner as a shared-time pupil under  
16 section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3).

17 Sec. 3. Section 299A.12, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended  
18 to read as follows:

19 1. The board of directors of a school district ~~may~~ shall  
20 expend moneys received pursuant to section 257.6, subsection  
21 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (5), for purposes of providing a  
22 home school assistance program.

23 Sec. 4. Section 299A.12, subsection 2, paragraphs a and b,  
24 Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:

25 a. ~~Assisting~~ Instruction for students and assisting parents  
26 with instruction.

27 b. ~~Student Support services for students and teaching-parent~~  
28 ~~support services~~ teaching parents and staff support services.

29 Sec. 5. Section 299A.12, subsection 2, paragraph g,  
30 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
31 follows:

32 Resources, materials, computer software and hardware, and  
33 supplies, and purchased services that meet the following  
34 criteria:

35 Sec. 6. Section 299A.12, subsection 3, paragraphs b, c, e,

1 and f, Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:

2 *b.* Operational or maintenance costs ~~in addition to the cost~~  
3 ~~of maintaining school district facilities~~ other than those  
4 necessary to operate and maintain the program.

5 *c.* Capital expenditures other than equipment or facility  
6 acquisition, including the lease or rental of space to  
7 supplement existing schoolhouse facilities.

8 *e.* Administrative costs other than the costs necessary to  
9 administer the program.

10 *f.* Concurrent and dual enrollment ~~program~~ costs and  
11 postsecondary enrollment options program costs.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill permits children to qualify for school district  
14 home school assistance programs if they are school age, rather  
15 than of compulsory attendance age. The bill also requires  
16 school districts to expend moneys received from weighted  
17 enrollment of children receiving competent private instruction  
18 at home on home school assistance programs and broadens the  
19 acceptable uses of the state assistance school districts  
20 receive from additional weighting for students receiving  
21 competent private instruction from a licensed practitioner  
22 provided through a public school district.

23 Funds received for purposes of providing a home school  
24 assistance program under the bill may be used for instructing  
25 students; for equipment or facility acquisition, including the  
26 lease or rental of space to supplement existing schoolhouse  
27 facilities; and for operational, maintenance, or administrative  
28 costs other than those costs necessary to operate, maintain,  
29 and administer the program.